

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	
OF CHESEAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION)	
FOR APPROVAL OF THE ISSUANCE OF)	PSC DOCKET NO. 17-0695
COMPANY STOCK AND LONG TERM DEBT)	
(FILED JULY 18, 2017))	

ORDER NO. 9097

AND NOW, this 8th day of August 2017, the Delaware Public Service Commission (the "Commission") determines and orders the following:

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2017 Chesapeake Utilities Corporation ("Chesapeake" or the "Company") filed an application seeking Commission approval to issue up to \$100,000,000 of Chesapeake unsecured long-term debt securities and up to \$200,000,000 in common stock (the "Application"); and

WHEREAS, the net proceeds will be used to fund capital expenditures and working capital requirements over the next twelve to twenty-four months; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 26 Del. C. § 215(d), the Commission is required to act on the Application within 30 days after it is filed or the Application is deemed approved; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 26 Del. C. § 215(d), by this order the Commission is providing notice to the Company that additional time is needed to render a decision on whether the Application has been made in accordance with law, for a proper purpose, and is consistent with the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Company already has agreed to have this matter considered at the Commission meeting on August 22, 2017, which is more than 30 days after the Application was filed; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 26 *Del. Admin. C.* §§ 1001-1.9.2 and 1002-1.2, the Commission determines "good cause" exists to extend the 30-day approval period to provide Staff additional time to evaluate the Application. As "good cause" for the extension, Staff stated that (i) granting the extension and considering the matter on August 22, 2017 is administrative and contravenes no statutory requirements for the Application; (ii) Chesapeake agreed to the extension and has provided all necessary information; (iii) granting the extension will not be disruptive for customers and will provide for an administratively efficient use of resources; and (iv) the extension of time to consider the Application would not harm or degrade Chesapeake's ability to provide safe, reliable services for its existing customers.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HERBY ORDERED BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF NOT FEWER THAN THREE COMMISSIONERS:

1. That the Commission is providing notice to Chesapeake Utilities Corporation that additional time is needed to render a decision in this matter.

2. That the Commission will consider this matter at its regularly scheduled Commission meeting on August 22, 2017.

3. That the Commission reserves the jurisdiction and authority to enter such further Orders in this matter as may be deemed necessary or proper.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chair

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary